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SUBJECT: GOJ AID TO VN

1. IN COURSE OF APRIL 10 CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY
PORTER, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR USHIBA SOLICITED
PORTER'S VIEWS ON RECENT VISIT BY PRESIDENT
THIEU TO US.

2. PORTER SAID THIEU VISIT TO US QUITE SUCCESSFUL.
RVN READY TO MOVE AHEAD ON ECONOMIC FRONT AND TRYING
TO BRING OTHER SIDE TO OBSERVE PARIS AGREEMENT.
THIEU UNDERSTANDS BOTH SIDES MUST OBSERVE PARIS
AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH CONFIDENCE WHICH WILL
LEAD TO REAL ECONOMIC RESULTS, THOUGH IN INTERIM
ECONOMIC PLANNING SHOULD GO FORWARD.

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3. PORTER STATED RVN WILL SOON TALK TO JAPANESE ABOUT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. JAPAN FREE TO MOVE WITHOUT WAITING FOR US CONGRESS TO COMPLETE ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR US TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. US, RVN, GOJ AND OTHERS WILL WISH TO COORDINATE ECONOMIC AID EFFORTS, BUT OTHER GOVERNMENTS NEED NOT WAIT ON US.

4. PORTER SAID RVN HAS DRAWN UP BROAD OUTLINE OF NEEDED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS COMMENCEMENT OF DETAILED PLANNING WITH GOJ AND OTHERS.

RVN CONVINCED FOREIGN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WILL BE RELATIVELY SHORT TERM AFFAIR. THEY CAN "TAKE OFF" RATHER QUICKLY SO NO LONG TERM DEPENDENCE ON US OR ANYONE ELSE FORESEEN. WE ARE TALKING TO US CONGRESS ALONG THESE LINES.

5. IN RESPONSE USHIBA QUESTION AS TO HOW RVN WILL HANDLE PROBLEM OF SHARP DOLLAR INCOME DROP AS US TROOPS WITHDRAW, PORTER SAID RVN HAS STUDIED EXPERIENCES OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND CONVINCED IT CAN HANDLE SITUATION, BUT SUBSTANTIAL HELP NEEDED SOON FROM OTHERS. RVN WILL RAISE THIS DIRECTLY WITH GOJ. IN RESPONSE USHIBA QUESTION, PORTER SAID RVN NOT PLANNING ANY MULTILATERAL GATHERING ON AID QUESTION BEFORE COMPLETION BILATERAL TALKS WITH POTENTIAL SUBSTANTIAL DONORS LIKE US, JAPAN, AND EUROPEANS.

6. IN RESPONSE USHIBA QUESTION, PORTER SAID THIEU IN COURSE US VISIT HAD STRESSED BOTH IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE THAT US TROOPS NO LONGER NEEDED IN VN, THOUGH ONE-FOR-ONE MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT ALLOWED UNDER PARIS AGREEMENT STILL REQUIRED.

7. IN RESPONSE USHIBA QUESTION ABOUT NORTH VIETNAM'S MILITARY INTENTIONS, PORTER REPLIED THAT NORTH MUST UNDERSTAND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR THEM INCOMPATIBLE WITH THEIR UNDERTAKING INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY IN VN, LAOS, AND CAMBODIA. US MAKING IT CLEAR AT PARIS ECON TALKS THAT ASSISTANCE TO NORTH VIETNAM
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DEPENDS ON THEIR OBSERVANCE PARIS AGREEMENT. PORTER

WENT ON TO SUMMARIZE STATE OF PLAY AT PARIS JEC
TALKS WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE.

8. IN RESPONSE USHIBA REQUEST FOR PORTER' S ASSESSMENT
CONGRESSIONAL SENTIMENT TOWARD AID FOR NVN, PORTER
SAID SITUATION A BIT DIFFICULT NOW BUT AS NVN
COMPLIANCE WITH PARIS AGREEMENT STRENGTHENS AND BECOMES
KNOWN, CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT WILL GROW.

9- IN RESPONSE USHIBA QUESTION ABOUT MULTILATERAL
AID GIVING MECHANISM FOR NVN, PORTER SAID HANOI NOW
OPPOSED. NVN UNFAMILIAR WITH WORLD ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS.
HOWEVER, THEY ARE GAINING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE AND
COMING TO GRIPS WITH REAL WORLD.

10. PORTER SAID RVN READY TO COOPERATE WITH VC
IN IMPLEMENTING PARIS AGREEMENTS. RVN RELEASING
POLITICAL PRISONERS WHILE VC REFUSED TO ACCOUNT FOR
MANY CIVILIAN ABDUCTEES. VC NOT TALKING TO RVN ABOUT
ELECTIONS TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, APPARENTLY CONCERNED
THEY WOULD NOT FARE WELL. IT IS THEREFORE DIFFICULT
FOR RVN TO BRING VC INTO POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS.
NEXT ELECTIONS IN SOUTH VN SCHEDULED FOR LATER THIS
YEAR TO SENATE. WHAT VC INTEND TO DO NOT YET CLEAR.

11. IN RESPONSE USHIBA QUESTION, PORTER SAID
CAMBODIAN ARMY NOT PERFORMING WELL. CAMBODIANS HAVE
BETTER ARMS AND EQUIPMENT THAN ENEMY BUT NOT SUSTAINING
THEMSELVES IN BATTLE. CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT ALSO NOT
FUNCTIONING WELL. LON NOL IS A GOOD MAN AND WE WISH
HIM WELL, BUT THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF HIS COUNTRY
ARE HIS, NOT OURS. SOLUTION IS BASICALLY UP TO
CAMBODIANS. US HELPING ONLY WITH AIR POWER-- THERE
ARE LESS THAN 200 AMERICANS IN WHOLE COUNTRY.

12. PORTER SAID MAIN PROBLEM FACING CAMBODIA IS NORTH
VIETNAMESE FAILURE TO WITHDRAW TROOPS AS REQUIRED BY
PARIS ACCORDS. IF HANOI OBSERVED LAOS AND VIETNAM
AGREEMENTS, CAMBODIAN SITUATION SHOULD IMPROVE.

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13. IN RESPONSE USHIBA QUERY AS TO WHETHER NVN
WHOLE HEARTEDLY SUPPORTS SIHANOUK, PORTER OBSERVED
THAT NVN HAS TROOPS IN CAMBODIA AND SUPPORTS
CAMBODIAN COMMUNISTS WITH TRAINING AND SUPPLIES.

14. IN RESPONSE USHIBA QUESTION ABOUT SIHANOUK' S INFLUENCE IN CAMBODIA, PORTER SAID SIHANOUK NOT ACCEPTABLE TO LON NOL GOVERNMENT. MAIN POINT TO KEEP IN MIND IS THAT PROBLEM IN CAMBODIA IS CONTINUATION THERE OF WAR BY NVN.

15. USHIBA THEN DESCRIBED MIYAKE' S MISSION TO HANOI ALONG LINES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED EMBASSY TOKYO. USHIBA STRESSED THAT GOJ ANTICIPATES NVN WILL PRESS MIYAKE REGARDING RECOGNITION PRG WHICH JAPAN HAS NO INTENTION TO DO. GOJ WILL ALSO NOT ACCEPT NVN CHARGES THAT GOJ VIOLATING PARIS ACCORDS BY ALLOWING AMMUNITION SHIPMENTS BY US FROM JAPAN TO VIETNAM. PORTER DESCRIBED PROCEDURES IN EFFECT IN VIETNAM TO ENSURE THAT AMMO SHIPMENTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARIS AGREEMENTS.

16. USHIBA VOLUNTEERED THAT HE WOULD INFORM USG CONCERNING MIYAKE' S MISSION TO HANOI. PORTER SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP USHIBA INFORMED OF JEC DISCUSSIONS AT PARIS.

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